



the Surrey knight



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Provincial Priory of Surrey Summer Fete and BBQ

The Provincial Prior's Summer BBQ was held on Sunday the 19th of July at Muddle Cottage in Lingfield, thanks to a generous brother knight offering the large field adjacent to his house for our use.



We hired a couple of Portaloos, fired up the barbecue for burgers and sausages, run in a sound system, provided a barrel of lager, soft drinks and Pimms, and organised entertainment for the children, face painting, tombola, and pony rides.





The aim was to have a relaxed and joyous celebration of another successful Masonic year with family and friends, and this was achieved. Thanks to the generosity of our Provincial Prior and Provincial Sub Prior everything was free.



There were some very interesting costumes that day.....



Anne, Elodie (granddaughter), and Anne's in-laws thought the day was fantastic.



Our Provincial Sub Prior, E.Kt. Dr Miguelsl Godfrey, slaved over a hot BBQ all day – thanks Miguel.



There were pony rides for the children.





The highlight of the afternoon was seeing our Provincial Prior in the stocks being pelted with wet sponges. It was a glorious sunny day with a little cloud and a gentle breeze.





Thanks to everyone who came along to support the day, to everyone to worked hard to ensure its success, and a big thank-you to our Provincial Prior for a most enjoyable afternoon.



Provincial Priory of Surrey web site:

<https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/welcome-knights-templar>



The League Of Mercy Foundation Awards 2026

The League of Mercy was founded on 30th of March 1899 by Royal Charter of Queen Victoria. It was instigated by the Prince of Wales who became its first Grand President. Subsequently two further Princes of Wales (George V and Edward VIII) succeeded him in this office; finally, HRH Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester took over.

The object of the League was to establish a large body of voluntary workers who would assist with the maintenance of voluntary hospitals and 'otherwise relieve sickness and suffering'. When the 1948 National Health Act abolished these hospitals, the League was quietly wound up after performing its task



extraordinarily well for nearly half a century. Central to the annual activities of the League was a notable ceremony at which about fifty people each received a medal known as the Order of Mercy. These were bestowed 'as a reward for personal services gratuitously rendered in connection with the purposes for which the League was established'. The League of Mercy was re-founded as a UK registered charity on the 30th of March 1999, exactly one hundred years to the day after its first establishment.

Its current trustees, all of whom have a wide range of experience in charitable voluntary work in various health areas, undertook its renewal as a personal Millennium project. All give their services to the League entirely for free.

In September 2010 in a ceremony at Armourers' Hall in the City of London, HRH Princess Michael of Kent was invested with the Companion's Badge of the League of Mercy in recognition of her wide-ranging and distinguished voluntary work within the League's areas of care.

Congratulations to Mrs Carol Lewis who was recently awarded The Order of Mercy for her work with the Swishes Charity in Surrey.

There to see Carol receive her award was Garry Lewis and our Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Pat Crossan.

